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Tool or Topic: **Collaborative Planning**AuthorOrganizationPublishedFormat

Title: Horizons 2025 Implementation Municipal Tools and Techniques

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<http://www.dvrpc.org/planning/community/MCDtools/pdf/ToolsAndTechniques.pdf#>

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Tool descriptions include an overview of the use of the tool and an example of some of its benefits. Where appropriate, after the tool description, common local planning documents that will need to be amended or adopted are listed in italics.

Tool or Topic: **Comprehensive Plan**

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Title: Colorado Sprawl Action Center's Growth Management Toolkit

Kramer

Colorado Sprawl Action Center

10/1/2001

Website

[#http://www.sprawlaction.org/toolkit#](http://www.sprawlaction.org/toolkit#)

Description:

Describes eleven tools used to guide and manage growth: comprehensive planning, impact fees, open space protection and funding, affordable housing, urban growth boundaries and contiguity, designing livable communities, incentives, intergovernmental agreements and regional planning, rural lands protection, public service concurrency, transportation planning. Each tool is described in terms of problem, solution, application and internet resources.

Tool or Topic: **Comprehensive Plan**

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Title: Regional Development Plan

Reuter

Atlanta Regional Commission

5/1/1999

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[#http://www.atlantaregional.com/qualitygrowth/rdp.html#](http://www.atlantaregional.com/qualitygrowth/rdp.html#)

Description:

In 1989, the Georgia Planning Act set the stage for ARC's current planning approach. The Act requires all local governments and regional development centers in the State to prepare comprehensive plans, featuring a "bottom up" approach with local plans coming first and regional plans following. This allows the regional plans to combine, interrelate and provide a regional umbrella for the local planning efforts.

The Atlanta Regional Commission's latest regional plan, adopted in 1997 and updated in 1999, consists of two parts. The first part, the Technical Staff Report, contains an inventory, assessment and needs analysis of seven planning elements. These elements are population, economic development, natural and historic resources, public facilities and infrastructure, housing, human services and land use.

Information from the Technical Staff Report work and initiatives and actions recommended in the earlier VISION 2020 community-based planning process were combined to form the basis of the second part of the Regional Development Plan, the Regional Agenda.

The Regional Agenda documents the results of the Commission's research and public input regarding the identification of future needs, goals and objectives, and implementation strategies to be pursued through the planning process. It contains a five-year work program for the interrelation of land use, transportation and environmental decisions, for intergovernmental coordination, for the protection of water resources, for the provision of adequate housing and for human service coordination. The Regional Agenda also contains special target area and protected land use maps and transportation and land use strategies.

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Title: Smart Growth Hall Of Fame 2001

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Colorado Sprawl Action Center

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[#http://www.environmentcolorado.org/reports/smartgrowth2001.pdf#](http://www.environmentcolorado.org/reports/smartgrowth2001.pdf)

Description:

Recognizes ten developments and planning decisions across Colorado that exhibit good growth management and smart growth principles. Displays a variety of growth management tools that are available to local governments and decision makers.

Tool or Topic: **Comprehensive Plan**

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Title: Toward a Bright Future: Updating Sonoma County's General Plan

Steinbach

Greenbelt Alliance

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[http://www.greenbelt.org/downloads/resources/SonomaGP/report\\_sonoma\\_gp.pdf#](http://www.greenbelt.org/downloads/resources/SonomaGP/report_sonoma_gp.pdf#)

Description:

The first comprehensive analysis of the update process since it began, this report recommends how to update Sonoma County's General Plan to deal with the county's projected growth of 130,000 people by 2025. Report addresses five critical issues for the plan: (1) preserving open space and wildlife habitat, (2) protecting farmlands and keeping local agriculture viable, (3) managing water and wastewater, (4) providing affordable housing, (5) providing transportation that works.

Cover downloaded separately at [http://www.greenbelt.org/downloads/resources/SonomaGP/report\\_gpcover.pdf](http://www.greenbelt.org/downloads/resources/SonomaGP/report_gpcover.pdf)

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Tool or Topic: **Visioning**

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Title: Getting it Right: Preventing Sprawl in Coyote Valley

Steinbach

Greenbelt Alliance

6/2/2003

PDF file

[#http://www.greenbelt.org/resources/reports/report\\_coyotevalley.html#](http://www.greenbelt.org/resources/reports/report_coyotevalley.html#)

Description:

Released in response to the City of San Jose's plan to allow development in Coyote Valley, a 6,800 acre area of open space and agricultural land on the city's southeastern edge. This report provides a template for smart growth not only in Coyote Valley, but also in other urbanizing areas throughout the Bay Area and across the nation.